



# DUXBURY

## Plymouth County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

Duxbury is a coastal community 33 miles south of Boston in Plymouth County. The Town was a center of shipbuilding until the mid-nineteenth century when ships became too large for the shallow bay. Many historic and beautiful homes from Pilgrim times and the shipbuilding period still exist. Formerly a rural and summer community with an economic base of fishing and agriculture, Duxbury has become a residential suburb of Boston since Route 3 made daily commuting possible.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Pembroke on the west, Marshfield on the north, Kingston on the south, and the Atlantic Ocean on the east and southeast. Duxbury is 33 miles south of Boston and 246 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 37.63 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 23.76 sq. miles

**Population:** 13,895

**Density:** 585 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Plymouth Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.0°F

Normal annual precipitation.....48.8"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Duxbury, Hanover, Plymouth

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 934-6586

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Manager

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1637

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	9,159		
Democrats	1,788	19.5	%
Republicans	2,295	25.1	%
Other parties	1	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	5,075	55.4	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Duxbury town, Plymouth County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	14,248	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	14,248	100.0
Male.....	6,840	48.0	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	102	0.7
Female.....	7,408	52.0	Mexican.....	24	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,001	7.0	Puerto Rican.....	11	0.1
5 to 9 years.....	1,230	8.6	Cuban.....	16	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,260	8.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	51	0.4
15 to 19 years.....	996	7.0	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	14,146	99.3
20 to 24 years.....	376	2.6	White alone.....	13,850	97.2
25 to 34 years.....	1,037	7.3	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	2,394	16.8	Total population.....	14,248	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,658	18.7	In households.....	14,099	99.0
55 to 59 years.....	996	7.0	Householder.....	4,946	34.7
60 to 64 years.....	593	4.2	Spouse.....	3,504	24.6
65 to 74 years.....	810	5.7	Child.....	5,066	35.6
75 to 84 years.....	586	4.1	Own child under 18 years.....	4,083	28.7
85 years and over.....	311	2.2	Other relatives.....	323	2.3
Median age (years).....	40.3	(X)	Under 18 years.....	103	0.7
18 years and over.....	10,096	70.4	Nonrelatives.....	260	1.8
Male.....	4,673	32.8	Unmarried partner.....	115	0.8
Female.....	5,363	37.6	In group quarters.....	149	1.0
21 years and over.....	9,671	67.9	Institutionalized population.....	134	0.9
62 years and over.....	2,028	14.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	15	0.1
65 years and over.....	1,707	12.0	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	681	4.8	Total households.....	4,946	100.0
Female.....	1,026	7.2	Family households (families).....	3,943	79.7
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	2,066	41.6
One race.....	14,169	99.4	Married-couple family.....	3,504	70.8
White.....	13,934	97.8	With own children under 18 years.....	1,859	37.6
Black or African American.....	91	0.6	Female householder, no husband present.....	331	6.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	14	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	159	3.2
Asian.....	92	0.6	Nonfamily households.....	1,003	20.3
Asian Indian.....	2	-	Householder living alone.....	876	17.7
Chinese.....	36	0.3	Householder 65 years and over.....	499	10.1
Filipino.....	6	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,128	43.0
Japanese.....	3	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,190	24.1
Korean.....	29	0.2	Average household size.....	2.85	(X)
Vietnamese.....	1	-	Average family size.....	3.26	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	15	0.1	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-	Total housing units.....	5,345	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,946	92.5
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	399	7.5
Samoa.....	1	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	242	4.5
Some other race.....	37	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.9	(X)
Two or more races.....	79	0.6	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	4.8	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	4,946	100.0
White.....	14,003	98.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,394	88.8
Black or African American.....	104	0.7	Renter-occupied housing units.....	552	11.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	32	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.97	(X)
Asian.....	114	0.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.87	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-			
Some other race.....	73	0.5			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 66

Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 5

Federal (Section 8): 13



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Duxbury is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 3, 3A, 14, 53, and 139.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to South Station, Boston, will be available in 1996-97 from stations in Kingston and South Hanson.

### Bus

Duxbury is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). The Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company provides commuter service to Boston.

### Other

Commuter boat service to Boston is available from Hingham. The Marshfield Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 2,999'x75' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available:  
Non-precision.



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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Art Complex Museum

189 Alden Street

(781) 934-6634

Duxbury Rural and Historical Society

685 Washington Street

(781) 934-6106

John Alden House

Alden Street

(781) 934-6001

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

Bay Path At Duxbury Nursing Rehab  
Duxbury House Nursing Home

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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